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Three informative reading conferences were held during the fall season. A brief report on each follows.

On October 19, 1973, a joint conference of the Michigan College Reading Council and the Great Lakes Special Interest Group of the IRA met at Muskegon Community College. The theme was "Strengthening Reading and Study Skills as a Support for Learning in College." The featured speakers were Dr. David Wark, University of Minnesota; Dr. John Hechlik, Wayne State University; and Ms. Patricia Redds, Whitney M. Young, Jr. Street Academy (a Right to Read project), Flint, Michigan.

The College Reading Association held its seventeenth annual meeting in Silver Spring, Maryland, November 1-3, 1973. Using as its theme, "Instructional Objectives and Reading Instruction: Rigamarole or Realism," the conference format allowed a choice of three sectional meetings. These sectional meetings included the fields of College Reading, Teacher Education, and Clinical Aspects. In addition, presentations of papers, TALK-WITH sessions, workshops, educational tours, and exhibits were featured.

The twenty-third annual meeting of the National Reading Conference was held November 29 through December 1, 1973, in Houston, Texas. It featured symposia, paper presentations, and major addresses. The topics covered in the meetings included: teacher training, college reading improvement programs, linguistics, and diagnosis and testing.